MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is narrow.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Are lorries prohibited from passing the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, they are prohibited.

Kollakadavu Bridge.

28. ✻ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action so far taken regarding the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road; and

(*b*) whether there was any budget provision for the construction of the above bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Investigation has been conducted and trial borings have been taken. Estimate is under preparation.

(*b*) Yes. Rs. 10,000 in the budget for 1117 M. E.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (*a*) may I know from the honourable member, for how long this estimate has been under preparation?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The estimate has been under preparation during the past 8 or 9 months.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What was the delay due to?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: We are making enquiries regarding the materials required.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Was there any provision for the year 1118?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Bridge at Kollakadavu.

29. ✻ MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted for the construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu on the Mavelikara—Chengannur Road during the last three years; and

(*b*) the amount spent for the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) 1115 Nil. 1116 Nil. 1117 Rs. 10,000.

(*b*) Rs. 1,374-18-8 for investigation and Rs 245 for preliminary works.

Scarcity of small coins.

30. ✻ MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the people are put to very great inconvenience on account of the scarcity of small coins in the State?

MR. A. LEKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Government are aware of the inconvenience to the public on account of the shortage of small coins which is now universal in India. With the minting and issue of copper coins from December 1942 the situation has improved and further minting of copper coins is in progress. A large stock of silver coins has also been got down now from Bombay which will be put into circulation shortly and Government expect that more normal conditions will prevail soon.

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